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- 1 Since October 1947 new tank units have been located in and around Ludwigslust; the final quartering had not yet taken place as of 16 November 1947. In early November 1947 part of the heavy tank and armored reconnaissance units now transferred to Ludwigslust, together with a large number of vehicles, were stationed in the former Wehrmacht cavalry barracks situated on the southern outskirts of the town on the road to Grabow.
2. Up to mid-November 1947, the Ludwigslust garrison was equipped with the following (figures being approximate only, but in all cases on the conservative side):
- 15 T 34 tanks (latest model)
80 Josef Stalin tanks
60 armored cars
50 half-tracked armored troop carrier vehicles
50 Medium tractors of both Russian and American origin.
Trucks in large numbers, mainly of American origin.
3. In early November 1947 a night exercise involving units stationed in Ludwigslust took place in the Grabow area. Various movements and firing drills were carried out. Units taking part were as follows:
- One tank battalion consisting of about thirty-five Josef Stalin tanks.
40 armored cars.
Three batteries of long-barrelled 76.2 mm. tractor-drawn AT guns.
One battalion of infantry in armored half-tracks.
4. The Josef Stalin tanks mentioned in paragraph 3 above were equipped on the turret with a lamp signalling device for use during darkness. This piece of equipment consisted of a square box 15 cm. high with sides approximately 40 cm. long. Four discs were located on each side of the box, tinted red, blue, yellow, and white from left to right. Signals were given by one color being shown, mainly by the commander's tank. The signals were then either relayed by other tanks or acknowledged by the final tank. Morse signals were not used, but at times one color had the following significance:

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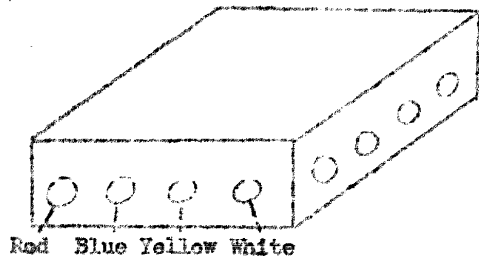
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Red:	Fire
Blue:	Alter course
Yellow:	Alter course
White:	Halt

Sketch as follows:



5. The armored force troops on the above-mentioned exercise were well-trained personnel and maintained extremely good discipline. Their uniforms were smarter than average. The tank crews wore M/T helmets. EM were aged between nineteen and twenty-five, and most wore no decorations. The officers were also predominantly youthful, but were almost all benedalled.

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